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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The drop emitting apparatus of claim 2 7 wherein each one of said plurality of ink vent lines are routed to said common air vent in maze type configuration to prevent mixing of inks from one of said plurality of remote ink containers to another one of said plurality of remote ink containers, if said drop emitting apparatus is tipped.

5. (Currently Amended) The drop emitting apparatus of claim 4 7 wherein the ink jet printhead comprises a piezoelectric ink jet printhead.

6. (Currently Amended) The drop emitting apparatus of claim 4 7 wherein the on-board ink reservoirs and the remote ink containers are configured to contain melted solid ink.

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7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
an ink jet printhead;
a plurality of on-board ink reservoirs for supplying ink to the ink jet
printhead;
a plurality of remote ink containers;
a plurality of ink supply conduits fluidically connected between the
remote ink containers and the on-board ink reservoirs;
a common air vent, connected to each one of said plurality of
remote ink containers, for venting said each one of said plurality of remote ink
containers as ink is supplied to the on-board ink reservoirs from said remote
ink containers; and
a plurality of ink vent lines connected to said common air vent,
wherein each one of said ink vent lines is connected and associated to one of
said plurality of remote ink containers, the plurality of remote ink containers,
the common air vent and the plurality of ink vent lines are formed as an
integral structure includes. ~~The drop emitting apparatus of claim 3 further~~
~~including~~ a heating structure adjacent the integral structure.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The drop emitting apparatus of claim 1~~
~~claim 7~~ wherein the remote ink containers are selectively pressurized.

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9 (New) An apparatus for supplying ink to the ink jet printhead comprising:

an ink reservoir including a plurality of ink containers;

a plurality of ink supply conduits fluidically connected between the ink containers and the ink reservoir;

a common air vent, connected to each one of said plurality of ink containers, for venting said each one of said plurality of ink containers as ink is supplied to said ink container, the plurality of ink containers, the common air vent are formed as an integral structure includes a heating structure adjacent the integral structure.